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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL

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1. SENATOR EASTLAND, MR. W. VINCENT RAKESTRAW, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AND FOUR PRIVATE CITIZENS, MESSRS. JESSE BRENT, FRED CALLON, DAN M. RUSSEL AND D.A. BIGLANE ARE TRAVELLING COSTA RICA ON PRIVATE VISIT. PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS AGRICULTURE. GROUP ARRIVES FEB. 28 ON LACSA 623 AND LEAVES ON LACSA 620 ON MARCH 5. GROUP WILL PROVIDE OWN AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT VISIT. GROUP HAS CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL CHORUTEGA.

2. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHARGE, ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE MARCH 1 AT 10:00 A.M. RAFAEL CASTRO SILVA, A LAW PARTNER OF DANIEL ODUBER, IS ATTEMPTING ARRANGE LUNCH OR MEETING NOON MARCH 1 WITH ODUBER AND/OR PRESIDENT FIGUERES. ON MARCH 2, GROUP WILL VISIT TRES AMIGOS RANCH OF LAWYER BUSINESSMAN, ALFREDO

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VOLIO ESCALANTE. SUNDAY, GROUP WILL FLY BY PRIVATE

PLANE TO GUANACASTE AND NICOYA, AND THEN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT BANANA PLANTATIONS NEAR GOLFITO. ON MONDAY, MR. BRENT WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO SOMEONE FAMILIAR WITH LUMBER

PRODUCTION IN AREA, AND TO VISIT LUMBER AREA FOR A HALF DAY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONTACT CASTRO SILVA TO COODINATE FRIDAY ARRANGEMENTS. PLEASE ARRANGE TOUR OF UNITED BANANA AREA FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON. ALSO, PLEASE INVESTIGATE AVAILABILITY, BUT DO NOT RESERVE, RENTAL RANGEROVERS OR SIMILAR OFF-ROAD VEHICLES FOR SATURDAY.

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